

ALIENS BRING  
TYPHUS TO U.S.Disinfecting Stations Reared  
At Ellis Island to Sanitize  
Immigrants.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Three deaths from typhus and twenty cases of typhus among the 1,375 passengers on the Italian liner San Gubio, which arrived here today from Trieste and Naples, were announced by Dr. Leonard Coffey, public health officer at quarantine. Because of the prevalence of the dread fever aboard the ship, the vessel will be held in quarantine indefinitely, Dr. Coffey said.

By FLOYD MAGUIRE,  
International News Service.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A bulwark against the dread typhus, which threatens to sweep into this country from the scourge-stricken areas of Europe, was erected today at Ellis Island by Frederick A. Wallis, immigration commissioner.

IMMIGRANTS' FILTHY.

Stearage passengers arriving on recent ships from Baltic, Holland, French, and Italian ports, many of whom are the "creaks of humanity," according to Commissioner Wallis, are infested with body lice, the known carrier of the typhus germ.

Recent inspections have shown upwards of 30 per cent of the steerage passengers infested with such lice, Wallis said.

Delousing stations, such as the American expeditionary forces encountered in France, were put into operation at Ellis Island today, upon orders of Commissioner Wallis, and every steerage passenger was to receive thorough disinfection.

Fourteen cases of typhus brought in by the Italian ship Presidente Wilson a few days ago are being treated here.

Commissioner Wallis also revealed: 1.—That a subterranean system of smuggling felons and other undesirable immigrants into the United States exists among steamship employees.

THOUSANDS DESERT SHIPS.

2.—That 2,000 members of the British merchant marine have deserted their ships in American ports within the past ninety days. 3.—That nearly half the immigrants from Europe are women, bereft of possible husbands by the war, who are coming here hoping to marry.

4.—That 30 per cent of the immigrants were women, said Commissioner Wallis. "Our records now show that between 1,200 and 1,300 females are arriving here daily. There are 5,000 men in France and England and Italy who have been deprived of husbands by the war."

5.—That 47.8 per cent of all French immigrants are women, 40 per cent of all British immigrants are women, and 50 per cent of Italians are females. They know that in the western part of the United States there are 10,000,000 bachelors.

A half-million immigrant women will arrive this year, it is estimated. Commissioner Wallis said neither he nor British officials are able to explain the desertion of seamen.

TELETS OF SMUGGLING.

Commenting upon widespread smuggling of disreputable characters into America, Commissioner Wallis said an Italian ship which recently left Trieste was inspected en route at three different ports of call and three batches of unauthorized immigrants, totaling forty-eight, were removed, but that the ship managed to dock here with fourteen smuggled men aboard, who were apprehended only after a confession by one Italian who had tried to escape by jumping overboard.

Commissioner Wallis, who estimated there will be some 1,300,000 immigrants arriving in America this year, said the arrivals were only limited by the capacity of ships with steerage quarters.

12,000,000 WAITING.

"There are 12,000,000 Europeans, I estimate, hoping to come here. In Poland alone there are 311,000 passport applications on file. One doctor recently returned from abroad said Polish people were walking from Warsaw to Cherbourg, a distance of

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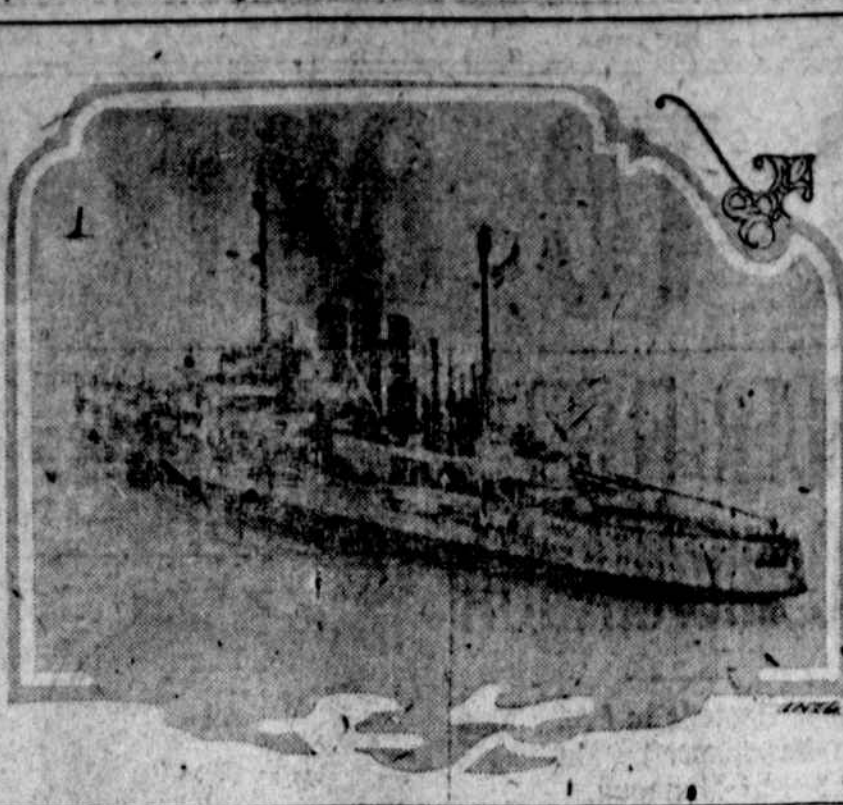
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THE former German battleship Ostfriesland, which will probably be used in tests to decide the controversy on the superiority of aircraft over battleships, which is now raging in army and navy circles. The test will probably be made within ninety days, and attempts will be made to blow up the vessel with bombs dropped from army planes. The above photograph was made from an airplane when the surrendered German warship entered New York harbor.



700 miles, where many of them arrive with only sufficient money to pay their passage.

"We had 11,000 aliens on three ships who had less than \$1 each," said Wallis. "And 1,700 who had less than \$50."

The commissioner said steerage accommodations of many ships were "horrible." Ellis Island is greatly overcrowded, he said, facilities being inadequate to handle properly the present immigration tide. When he took charge of Ellis Island, seven months ago, he said he found immigrants were treated like cattle.

HUMANITARIAN ISLAND.

"My first step, after deporting officials and discarding the island," he said, "I did away with a system which permitted women to stand in line with heavy bundles until they fainted. I have tried to make the place more sanitary and comfortable, and to give the immigrant a proper welcome and appreciation of America—the land of his dreams. Many immigrants have scribbled and saved for a dozen years to get here, and here they are treated like cattle."

Commissioner Wallis said the commissioner—the proper selection of him—migrant—the proper selection of him—and not the total number of immigrants admitted to this nation. There should be a preferential system of selecting immigrants abroad, and delousing and medical inspection of them at the port of embarkation, Wallis said.

Immigration should be kept out of politics and administered as an economic problem, he asserted. He said the literacy test was futile.

"As long as I stand at the floodgates of our immigration, the flood of anarchists and the diseased persons will be kept out; the gate swings both ways," Wallis declared.

"I am not interested in politics. This job only pays \$6,000 a year, and I'm doing it only at a sacrifice to my private business and to perform a public service. Our immigration system has been conducted along grossly unbusinesslike methods. A private firm employing similar methods would go bankrupt."

Wallis held that inspectors and the immigration board were grossly underpaid.

**NEW IMMIGRATION BILL TAKEN UP IN COMMITTEE**

Regulatory legislation providing for the admission of immigrants in proportion to the number of the various nationalities now in this country was considered today by the Senate Immigration Committee.

The committee had before it a bill which was modeled after the Dillingham bill and which provided that the number of immigrants to be admitted during any year should not exceed 3 per cent of the total number now in the United States, according to the latest census.

The committee, in killing the Johnson House bill, which would have excluded practically all immigrants for a period of one year, killed the prospect of any immigration legislation being passed before March 4. The committee intends to perfect a bill this session upon which it may take some action during the next Congress if the number of immigrants shows no sign of decreasing.

**Rebuild Boardwalk Hotel.**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 10.—The Hotel Shelburne, Michigan avenue and the Boardwalk, is to be reconstructed at an estimated cost of \$3,500,000, it was announced. Work on the new addition will be started next September. Plans call for a sixteen-story structure.

**Postal Action Blocked.**

Unanimous consent for confirmation of postmaster appointments for ex-service men or their dependents, requested by Senator Fletcher, Democrat, of Florida, was blocked with an objection by Senator France, Republican, of Maryland, in the Senate today.

**BAKER TAKES CABINET NAME-PLATE FOR PRIVATE CHAIR**

Secretary of War Baker made an early bid on the Cabinet room at the White House today. When he left he bore away as a trophy the name-plate on his seat at the Cabinet table.

He said he intended to affix it to a chair in his law office in Cleveland.

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THUG HOLDS UP  
AL JENNINGSReformed Outlaw Robbed at  
Gun Point in New York—Plea  
for Car Fare Vain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Al Jennings, former Oklahoma outlaw, who, upon his promise to reform, was pardoned and released from prison at the instance of the late Theodore Roosevelt, was held up and robbed here Monday night by a "heartless" thug, who violated the ethics of the "profession" by refusing to leave in Jennings' possession more than one dime.

SHY ABOUT DETAILS.

Jennings had come to New York on business three days before and had put up at a hotel in West Forty-seventh street. At the hotel today Jennings naturally was rather reticent about the details of the robbery, and he was not a bit keen to let the public in on the story of how he, once known as the fastest man on the trigger in Oklahoma Territory, had permitted an ordinary footpad to rob him of a watch, \$82 in cash and a valuable jewel which had been a keepsake for years. However, this much of the story was obtained.

It seems that Jennings had been visiting friends in Brooklyn and was on his way home when he found himself looking into a pistol barrel and instinctively sticking his hands up into the air. Jennings declined to say where all this took place.

JAMES GUN AGAINST RIBS.

Jamming the gun in the reformed outlaw's ribs, the robber proceeded to "go through" Jennings.

"Listen, pal; aren't you from the West?" Jennings asked as the highwayman got the watch.

"Naw, I'm from the footpad," and never mind the gab. Shut yef trap."

"But, old-timer, wait a minute," persisted the former bandit, whose exploits rivaled those of Jesse James. "I'm Al Jennings, call never mind that." sneered the robber: "I'm President Wilson." And just to show how much stock he put in the statement of the ex-bandit, the New York disciple of outlawry named the robber.

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PLEADS FOR DIME.

"Wait a minute, old timer," pleaded Jennings. "All I've got left is a dime. You wouldn't leave a pal stranded with only 10 cents, would you?—I've got to have carfare home."

"Aw, shut up!" snapped the heartless one. "So have I, and this gives me barely enough to get where I'm going."

"But you'll give me enough so I can get something to eat, won't you?" said Jennings.

"Say, listen," exclaimed the hold-up man. "I haven't eat in three days and you look like a healthy fellow. The dime is all you get. Beat it, now, before I leave you for the street cleaners."

And the former leader of a gang which preyed upon the pioneers who were settling the Oklahoma Territory, fled into a State street back to the Flinders Hotel. Now Al Jennings wants a permit to carry a revolver.

**"DRY OCEAN," AIM OF KRAMER NOW**

Prepares to Act on Palmer's  
Edict Barring Foreign Ships  
With "Wet" Cargoes.

"A dry ring around the United States."

That's the slogan adopted by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer. And officials are confident it's a goal that may be attained, unless diplomatic handshakes upset calculations.

Commissioner Kramer and his associates today further debated how far they may go under the recent ruling of the Attorney General holding that foreign ships, coming from abroad, violate the Volstead law when they touch at American ports.

Regulations under the Attorney General's ruling, tentatively considered, will not be given final approval until the State Department has been consulted. New rules suggested would seriously curtail privileges now enjoyed by foreign vessel masters in the ports of the United States.

Strict construction of the law, according to the Department of Justice, lays them open to arrest, if their ships, with whiskey or other intoxicants "in transit" from one foreign country to another, come within the three-mile territorial limits on American shores.

Some legal officers of the Treasury have advised that it would be unwise for prohibition enforcement regulations further to restrict the rights of masters of ships of foreign registry. Previously there was issued, and is now in effect, a stringent ruling providing that the liquor stores of all foreign ships, designed for the use of the crews, be sealed as soon as they reach the three-mile limit, and remain sealed until the vessels have cleared.

Officials themselves were in doubt today as to whether any effort will be made to apply the principle laid down by the Attorney General.

**Second Mitchell Lecture.**

Some of the most sublime poetry in all literature is to be found in the Testament, according to Dr. Langdon E. Mitchell, eminent Washington poet and playwright, who this morning at Concordia Lutheran Church, Twentieth and G streets northwest, delivered the second of his series of eight special George Washington University lectures on "Poetry as the Greatest of All Means of Individual Self-Development and of National Culture and Unity."

**To Entertain League.**

Members of the Art and Scholastic League will be guests of Miss Sarah S. Monroe Monday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at the Arts Club, 2017 I street northwest.

**Takoma Citizens to Meet.**

Representatives of half a dozen citizens' associations will be the guests of the Takoma Park Citizens Association at their meeting next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Library building.

HAUGEN WILL FORCE  
PACKER BILL ACTIONAims to Get Measure Into House  
Soon—"Vitally Important  
to the Consumers."

Packer legislation is to be forced on the House despite the unwillingness of some of the Republican leaders, Chairman Haugen, of the House Agriculture Committee, which has reported favorably to the House a bill for control of both the packers and the livestock men, declared today.

"I expect to get the bill before the House for action by the end of next week," said Haugen. By that time it is expected that the appropriation bills will be out of the way, and the House will be free to take up other legislative matters while waiting for the conferees to adjust differences with the Senate over provisions written by the latter into the appropriation bills.

Haugen is working on his cold storage regulation bill, which he hopes to get out from the committee in a few days. The packer and cold storage bills, Haugen thinks, represent constructive legislation of first importance to the consuming public. He thinks it possible to get each of them through the House without much of a fight.

The fight of the people against the packers now going on in the House over the Grönna bill to control the meat packing industry, is a challenge to our American institutions, according to a statement issued today by William Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists. Speaking as vice president of the People's Reconstruction League, Johnston said:

"For nearly 12 years the American people have been suffering from the growing power and unfair methods of the packers, which the Federal Trade Commission showed to be a monopoly."

"The People's Reconstruction League is working for the enactment of packer control legislation, and we fully realize the powers that are arrayed against us. The statement of the United States Chamber of Commerce opposing the Grönna bill to control the packers shows the nature of the enemy to this legislation so essential to the American people."

"Congress has an immediate and imperative duty to enact the Grönna bill. The people have a right to demand that their rights and not the privileges of the 'Big Five' packers, shall be considered by Congress."

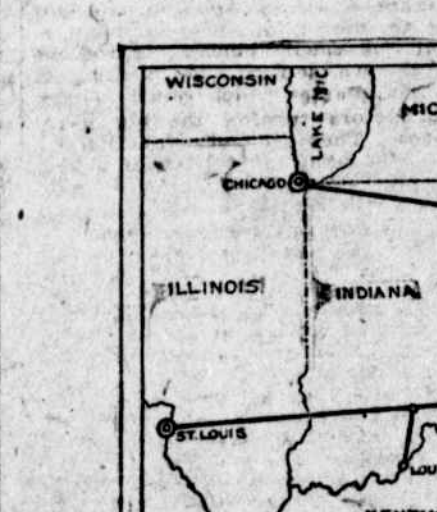
The yews at Fountain Abbey, Yorkshire, England, were old trees when the abbey was built in 1132.

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GERMANS FIRED ON  
BY BELGIAN PATROLSoldiers of Occupation Fight  
With Crowd in Aix-la-Chapelle—Wound Civilians.

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Lokal Anzeiger and von Hindenburg was quoted as saying: "French military leaders are unable to escape their fears of Germany because of the decreasing French population."

"According to my information, there has been a change of sentiment on the part of Americans who fought against us. I have knowledge that American soldiers have written home saying: 'We fought on the wrong side.'"

**BRIAND IS BACKED BY ENTIRE FRENCH NATION**

PARIS, Feb. 10.—"Premier Briand will go to the London conference to defend our interests and our rights backed by the unanimous support of the French nation," said the Echo de Paris today, in commenting upon the overwhelming vote of confidence given to the Briand ministry by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday evening.

In voting confidence in the Briand cabinet the Chamber gave unqualified support to the decisions of the inter-Allied supreme council.

The declaration of the Echo de Paris was typical of the editorial comment in all the leading papers today.

**MOROCCANS 'NOT BLACK,' WILL STAY ON RHINE**

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